



**ST MARK'S**  
Episcopal Church

Ordinary Time, Proper 28

November 15, 2015

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**8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

*Please observe silence before the service for prayer and meditation, so that all may prepare heart and mind for worship. All mobile telephones, pagers and electronic devices with audible alarms should be turned off prior to the service.*

**THE RT. REV. LARRY BENFIELD, BISHOP**  
**THE REV. JESSE PERKINS, RECTOR**  
**THE REV. AMBER CARSWELL, CURATE**

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**Welcome** to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, we are glad you are here! Please complete a **Welcome** card and place it in the offering plate. St. Mark's is a traditional church for contemporary people and we believe that God's love is for everyone. This is an open-minded congregation where we actively seek, question and wonder about our faith. We also believe that we are the hands of Christ, and mission work within our community is a vital part of what we do here.

### **AN OPEN TABLE**

All are welcome to receive communion here. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please let the minister know when you are at the altar rail. You are invited to come forward and kneel as you are able to receive the bread. You may drink from the cup or take the wine by "intinction," or dipping the wafer into the cup. If you prefer a blessing only, cross your arms over your chest.

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CHILDREN**

Children's Chapel is held at 10 a.m. for children ages 3 through 7 in our smaller John Roberts Chapel. Children enter our Sanctuary during the processional hymn and will return from Chapel during the Peace so that they may share the Eucharist with their families. Children's Chapel is a special time for these children, and they sing, pray, craft and hear the Gospel.

### **WEDNESDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

During the school year, children in kindergarten through high school meet at 6 p.m. for dinner and fellowship, then split up by age for class. Classes end at 7:30 p.m.

### **NURSERY SERVICES**

The nursery is located in the short hallway between the Narthex and the Parish Hall. Nursery is provided for children birth through age 3. Nursery hours are from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The friendly, two-room nursery suite is staffed by a wonderful group of compassionate caregivers who are church members and mothers, too!

### **RESTROOMS**

Are located to the left of the main entrance, through the Parish Offices door.

### **COFFEE BAR**

In between the services, enjoy a cup of coffee at our coffee bar, located in the front left corner of the Narthex. Additional church information about our ministries and upcoming events can be found there as well.

### **OUR SERVICES**

Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sundays (Nave)

Compline Service at 6:30 p.m. Sundays (Nave)

Healing Eucharist at 6:15 p.m. Wednesdays (John Roberts Chapel)

### **JOINING**

If you are interested in joining St. Mark's, please let us know on the Welcome Card.

### **DIGITAL BULLETINS AND WI-FI ACCESS**

Digital bulletins are available; to download please visit <http://stmj.us>. Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the building.

# THE WORD OF GOD

*All stand as the cross enters.*

*Priest* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Celebrant and people say*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**THE COLLECT Proper 28**

BCP 236

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Priest* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE LESSONS

### **FIRST LESSON** A Reading from Samuel 1:4-20

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?" After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head." As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer. They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**CANTICLE: The Song of Hannah** *Read responsively.*

My heart exults in you, O God; \*  
**my triumph song is lifted in you.**

My mouth derides my enemies, \*  
**for I rejoice in your salvation.**

There is none holy like you, \*  
**nor any rock to be compared to you, our God.**

Do not heap up prideful words or speak in arrogance; \*  
**only God is knowing and weighs all actions.**

The weapons of the mighty are broken, \*  
**but the weak are clothed in strength.**

Those once full now labor for bread; \*  
**those who hungered now are well fed.**

The childless woman finds her life fruitful, \*  
**and the mother of many sits forlorn.**

God destroys and brings to life, casts down and raises up; \*  
**gives wealth or takes it away, humbles and dignifies.**

God raises the poor from the dust; \*  
**and lifts the needy from the ash heap**

to make them sit with rulers \*  
**and inherit a place of honor.**

For the pillars of the earth are God's \*  
**on which the whole earth is founded.**

God will guide the path of the faithful, \*  
**but the wicked will languish in darkness.**

For it is not by human might \*  
**that any mortal will prevail.**

The foes of our God will be shattered; \*  
**the Most High will thunder through the heavens.**

The Almighty will judge the earth to its ends \*  
**and will give strength to the ruler of God's own choosing.**

**SECOND LESSON** A Reading from Hebrews 10:11-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

*Lector*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

**THE GOSPEL** Mark 13:1-8

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark.

*People*           **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **THE SERMON**

The Rev. Jesse Perkins

## **THE NICENE CREED**

**BCP 358**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM IV**

**BCP 388**

*Deacon or other leader*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION**

**BCP 359**

*Priest:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins

through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## **THE PEACE, GREETINGS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BCP 360**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **THE BIRTHDAY PRAYER**

**BCP 830 (#50)**

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **THE PRESENTATION OF ALMS**

*All: All things come of thee O Lord, and of Thine Own have we given Thee.*

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING- RITE II, PRAYER B**

**BCP 367**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Mark and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior has taught us we are bold to say,

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*A period of silence is kept*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## **COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*Our table is open to all who seek to experience God's grace. At the invitation of the ushers, please come to the communion rail by the center aisle and kneel or stand to receive the elements.*

*Celebrant:*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The Celebrant may also add:*

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant and people*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

## **DISMISSAL**

*Priest* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Flowers on the altar today are given by Becky Carr to the glory of God in loving memory of Charles Carr.*

Season after Pentecost

The seeds of the church planted by Jesus, the disciples, and the Holy Spirit are now growing. The Season after Pentecost is the time for Christians to learn and grow, to mature as people of faith. This season is often called the “green season” or “growing season.” We have come full circle: we heard about Christ’s birth, his life and death, his resurrection, and the birth of the church inspired by the Holy Spirit. Now it’s our turn! We are that church still following God’s lead, and God is still moving and working within us.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

- Today** 9:00a Food and Faith Class, Parish Hall  
2:00p Recorder Rehearsal  
2:00p Daughters of the King  
3:30p Handbell Rehearsal  
5:00p EfM  
6:30p Compline
- Mon** 7:00p Vestry Meeting
- Wed** 6:00p Christian Education  
6:15p Healing Eucharist  
7:00p Choir Practice
- Thurs** 6:30 Men's Club Dinner and Cards
- Sat** 10:00a Two Saints' Kitchen, Team # 3

## SAVE THE DATE

- Nov 26-27** Thanksgiving (Office Closed)  
**Nov 29** First Sunday in Advent  
Fifth Sunday Breakfast  
**Dec 13** Lessons and Carols  
**Dec 20** Christmas Pageant

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| 11/15 Marie Patton   | 11/17 Tara Gary        |
| 11/16 Jim McInturff  | 11/18 Sue Westenrieder |
| 11/16 Robin Anderson | 11/18 Oscar Gilbert    |
| 11/16 Ruth Scroggin  | 11/20 Jacqueline Boyd  |

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Helping Neighbors Food Pantry** Thank you for your donations of 26 lbs and \$85 last week; Helping Neighbors appreciates all you do!

**Recent Members** If you started attending St. Mark's in the past 6 or 7 months, please make sure I have all your contact information. While making labels for stewardship mailouts, I found that I don't have birthdays, anniversaries, phone numbers, etc. for a number of people. Please go to <http://contactinfo.stmarksjonesboro.org> and fill out the form for each member of your family. Thanks, Susan

**No Christian Education** sessions on Wednesday, November 25th. May this Thanksgiving give you more reasons to thank God every day! Happy Thanksgiving.

**EBT Withdrawals** Starting in 2016, St. Mark's is offering direct EBT withdrawal for your pledge ( automatic drafts on your bank account). You can make a one-time gift, or a recurring one. Contact the [bookkeeper@stmarksjonesboro.org](mailto:bookkeeper@stmarksjonesboro.org) to set it up.

**Episcopal Church 101** Beginning Sunday, November 29, Fr. Jesse will lead informal sessions for anyone who wants to learn more about the Episcopal Church. If you are new to St. Mark's or if you're considering confirmation, these will contain information that may answer any questions or concerns you may have.

**Election of New Vestry Members** If you are interested in running for a position on St. Mark's vestry, please let Fr. Jesse know. The only requirements to be on the vestry are that you must be a confirmed, active member. Elections will be on January 10 at our annual meeting.

## WEEKLY REPORT

	Weekly Budget	Year to Date	Year to Date Budget, Wk 45	Attendance
Offering 11/8/15	\$ 3,936	\$259,398	\$255,398	Last Week 152
Needed	<u>6,178</u>	<u>264,406</u>	<u>284,188</u>	2015 52 Wk Av 155
Shortage	(\$ 1,608)	( \$ 5,008)	(\$ - 24,790)	2014 Average 138
Current Cash	\$ 9,306			
Outstanding bills	(-\$ 12,949)		Loan Balance	\$ 168,469

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